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* 99 Q.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any instructions have been issued to the doctors working in Government hospitals as to the number of vasectomies to be performed in a month ; and

(b) if so, what it is and the reason therefor?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM (a) & (b) Instructions have been issued by the Director of Medical Services setting apart specified days in the week for doing vasectomy operations in each Family Planning Surgery in the districts and the District Medical Officers have been told that an attempt should be made to do a minimum of 8 operations per day for 3 days in a week in the District Headquarters Hospitals and a minimum of 8 operations per day for two days in a week in the Taluk Headquarters Hospitals. These instructions have been issued to regulate the flow of cases to surgeries and to avoid disappointment to persons seeking the operation. No such instructions have been issued in respect of full time vasectomy units in the City of Madras.

Sri L. S. KARAYALAR : Since the progress in Family Planning means reduction in the number of seats in Parliament for the State, may I know whether this Government will get an assurance from the Central Government that progress as regards Family Planning will not affect the number of seats for the State in Parliament?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Family Planning is for persons to plan their families according to the number of children. I do not think that family planning will have much effect on the number of seats in Parliament or in any other legislature.

Sri L. S. KARAYALAR : The number of seats in Parliament depends upon the population in the State. As a matter of fact, we have lost three seats and Bengal has gained more seats.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : This question may be put to the Chief Minister and not to the Minister for Health.

Destruction of dogs

* 100 Q.—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of dogs destroyed in the lethal chamber during the month of March 1962 in the City of Madras; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to stop such destructions?

The Hon. Srimathi JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) 3,592.

(b) No.

Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that most of the dogs destroyed here are not rabid? Many of them are pregnant, some of them are middle-aged pups, and most of them are not at all rabid.